

CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS

OF THE

UNITED CANADIAN ALLIANCE

FOR THE

TOTAL SUPPRESSION

OF THE

LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

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### OFFICES OF THE ALLIANCE:

**No. 38 GREAT ST. JAMES STREET, MONTREAL.**

## DECLARATION OF COUNCIL.

- 1.—That it is neither right nor politic for the Government to afford legal protection and sanction to any traffic or system that tends to increase crime, to waste the resources of the Province, to corrupt the social habits, and to destroy the health and lives of the people.
- 2.—That the traffic in intoxicating liquors as common beverages, is inimical to the true interests of individuals, and destructive of the order and welfare of Society, and ought, therefore, to be prohibited.
- 3.—That the history and results of all past legislation in regard to the liquor traffic, abundantly prove that it is impossible, satisfactorily, to limit or regulate a system so essentially mischievous in its tendencies.
- 4.—That no considerations of private gain or public revenue can justify the upholding of a system so utterly wrong in principle, suicidal in policy, and disastrous in results, as the traffic in intoxicating liquors.
- 5.—That the legislative prohibition of the liquor traffic is perfectly compatible with rational liberty and with all the claims of justice and legitimate commerce.
- 6.—That the legislative prohibition of the liquor traffic would be highly conducive to the development of a progressive civilization.
- 7.—That, rising above class, sectarian, or party considerations, all good citizens should combine to procure an enactment prohibiting the sale of intoxicating beverages, as affording most efficient aid in removing the appalling evil of intemperance.
- Signed on behalf of the Council,*  
MALCOLM CAMERON,  
*President.*

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*President.*

## CONSTITUTION.

1st.—The designation of this Association shall be:—"The United Canadian Alliance for the Total Suppression of the Liquor Traffic," the object of which shall be to educate and direct public opinion on the evils resulting from the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, and by all legitimate means labor to procure the immediate suppression of that demoralizing traffic.

2nd.—Each Subscriber of Twenty-five cents annually shall be a member and shall receive a Card of Membership.

3rd.—Each Subscriber of Ten Dollars or more at any one time shall be a Life Member.

4th.—Branch Societies may be formed in any part of the Province, (except the City of Montreal,) and affiliated on the payment of Five Dollars annually.

5th.—This Association shall be governed by a Council to consist of fifteen Members, with a Representative from each Branch Society. The Council to be elected at the Annual Meeting by ballot from Subscribers and Life Members. The Council shall elect a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurer, who shall be ex-officio members of the Council. But no member of the said Council shall be allowed either to speak or vote on any question in which he is personally interested.

6th.—A Managing Committee elected by the Council shall meet monthly to conduct the ordinary business of the Alliance, and to carry out the Resolutions of the Council—five members to form a quorum.

7th.—The Council shall meet quarterly in Montreal—seven members to form a quorum.

8th.—The Annual Meeting of the Alliance shall be held either in the month of January or February in each year in Montreal.

9th.—The Managing Committee shall frame a Code of By-Laws in harmony with the Constitution, for the government of the Alliance, to be submitted to the Council for approval. Such By Laws as may be approved or amended by the Council to form part of the Constitution.

10th.—In the carrying out of the Constitution and By-Laws, the action of the Council shall be final and conclusive.

11th.—The Recording Secretary shall call special Meetings of the Alliance on the written requisition of not less than twenty-five Members of the Alliance, stating the object of the meeting, or by a Resolution of the Managing Committee.

12th.—No amendment to this Constitution shall be made, except at an Annual Meeting of the Alliance, written notice of such intention to amend, stating distinctly the proposition to be submitted, to be given to the Secretary at least three months before the said meeting, and notice of the said proposition to amend shall be published at least one month before the Annual Meeting, in such way as the Managing Committee shall determine.

## BY-LAWS.

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### RULES AS TO MEMBERS.

1st.—The rules of the Society shall be binding on all members, from the date of their enrolment, and they are required by every legitimate means to further the objects of the Alliance.

2nd.—Members wilfully breaking the Rules of the Society, or acting in opposition to its avowed interests, shall on proof of such conduct before any Local Committee, the Managing Committee, or Council, be excluded from the Society.

3rd.—All elections (other than the Council) and questions shall be decided by ballot if demanded by a majority of those present at the Meeting; no member to have more than one vote, and in all cases of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote; but no member shall be allowed to vote on any question affecting his own individual interest or conduct.

4th.—In the event of twenty-five or more members giving the Secretary written notice to call a Special Meeting of the Society according to rule 11, such members shall deposit with the Secretary the sum of \$2.00, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of convening such meeting. Seven days' notice at least of such meeting shall be given by advertisement, stating the hour, place, and object of such meeting. At such Special meeting, no business shall be transacted, except that mentioned in the requisition calling the meeting. It shall be competent for the members present at such Special meeting, to decide whether the expense of the meeting shall be paid out of the funds of the Society or out of the money deposited as aforesaid.

### RULES AS TO OFFICERS.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL.

5th.—The Council shall meet quarterly to receive the report of the Managing Committee and to transact the ordinary business of the Society, or oftener if convened by the Managing Committee.

6th.—The Quarterly Meetings to be held on the first Tuesday in January, April, July and October. To commence at 7.30 P.M., and close at 10 P.M.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE.

7th.—The Committee shall meet on the first Saturday in each month, or oftener if found necessary. Any member absenting himself from the monthly meetings of the Committee, for three consecutive months, shall, except in case of sickness or absence from home, be removed from the Committee.

### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

8th.—The Treasurer shall attend the Monthly and Special Meetings of the Managing Committee, the Quarterly Meetings of the Council, and the Annual Meetings of the Society. He shall pay no account unless authorized by the Managing Committee under the signature of the Chairman and Secretary. He shall present a statement of the finances of the Society, and shall within one month of the Annual Meeting, render to the Managing Committee a true account of all monies received and paid by him on account of the Society, and shall also when required by the Managing Committee, pay over all monies remaining in his hands, and assign and deliver over all securities and effects, books, papers and property of, or belonging to the Society, in his hands or custody, to such person or persons as the Managing Committee may appoint. He shall be responsible for such sums of money as may from time to time be paid into his hands by the Agents of the Society, or by any person on account of the Society. He shall receive such remuneration for his services as the Council shall determine, and shall, when required, give such security as the Managing Committee or Council may require.

### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SECRETARIES.

9th.—The Recording Secretary shall attend all Meetings of the Council and Managing Committee, also the Annual and Special Meetings of subscribers.

He shall record the names of all present at the Meetings in a rough Minute book, and shall also enter minutes of all resolutions and transactions of the Society, which shall be fairly copied into another Minute book, to be read at the next Meeting and signed by the Chairman. He shall keep the accounts in order in proper books to be provided for that purpose, and, together with the Treasurer, shall prepare an Annual Balance Sheet. He shall duly enter the names of, and descriptions of Members, date of entrance, and keep any other particulars required by the Rules, and as often as he shall hear of any Member's change of residence, shall re-enter the same accordingly. He shall give notice of the Regular and Special Meetings as directed by the Managing Committee.

The corresponding Secretary shall send out all circulars, and conduct all the correspondence of the Society.

The Secretaries shall produce the Books of the Society at the Monthly Meetings of the Managing Committee and the Quarterly Meetings of the Council, and shall carry out the instructions of the Committee and Council. They shall receive for their services such sums as the Council shall determine.

### POWERS AND DUTIES OF SOCIETY'S TRAVELLING AGENTS.

10th.—The Managing Committee may, with the sanction of the Council, appoint one or more Travelling Agents for the purpose of laying the claims of the Alliance before the Public, and canvassing for members and subscriptions to the Society.

11th.—It shall be the duty of the Agents to wait upon the Officers of the several Temperance Organisations throughout the Province, and endeavor to secure their co-operation and assistance in forming Branches

to be affiliated with the Alliance. They shall seek to obtain Public Meetings whenever opportunity occurs, and by that and every other legitimate means, present the claims of the Society before the Public, and shall establish Branch and District Societies. They shall devote the greater portion of their time in canvassing the various Towns, &c., they may visit, for the registration of Members and Subscribers to the funds of the Society.

They shall keep a regular Journal of each day's proceedings, and forward a Monthly Report of their labors to the Corresponding Secretary, in a form to be supplied for that purpose.

#### BRANCH AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.

12th.—The Committee and Council shall establish Branch and District Societies throughout the Province, such Societies to elect their local Secretaries and Committees for the furtherance of the objects of the Society in accordance with the Rules.

#### MODE OF CONDUCTING MEETINGS.

13th.—The Committee and Council shall severally elect a Chairman either periodically, or from Meeting to Meeting. The Recording Secretary, after reading the minutes of the previous meeting and their confirmation, shall present the Chairman with a programme of the regular business of the Meeting, which shall take precedence of the discussion of every other subject. No person, except the mover of a resolution, at any business Meeting, shall speak more than once on such resolution, and each speaker shall be restricted to ten minutes; the mover of a resolution to be entitled to a final reply. No resolution when once passed to be the subject of further discussion at any subsequent period of the Meeting at which such resolution has passed.

14th.—Notice to rescind any resolution passed by the Managing Committee, to be given in writing to the Secretary at the Monthly Meeting previous to the discussion of the subject. Notice to rescind any resolution passed at a Meeting of the Council to be given in like manner at the Quarterly Meeting previous to the discussion of the subject.

15th.—No person to be allowed to introduce or discuss any subject in any Meeting unless by resolution or amendment. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to keep the Members strictly to the business of the Meeting.

#### AUDITORS.

16th.—Three Auditors shall be appointed at every Annual Meeting for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the ensuing year. The Auditors appointed at the first Annual Meeting shall also audit the accounts of the first year.

#### ALTERATION OR AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS.

17th.—No alteration or amendment of these By-Laws shall be made, neither shall any By-Law be rescinded, except notice in writing be given at a previous Quarterly Meeting of the Council, embracing a copy of the proposed alteration or amendment, or of the By-Law to be rescinded.

## BY-LAWS FOR BRANCHES.

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1st.—All Branch Societies as such shall be separate and distinct from any other organisation. They shall elect their own President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee for such length of time as they may determine, not exceeding one year, and shall be governed in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Alliance.

2nd.—Each Branch shall pay to the Alliance an annual fee of \$5.00 and all Members of such Branches shall be Members of the Alliance, and their names shall be sent to the Central Executive, three months prior to the Annual Meeting.

3rd.—Branches shall have entire control over their own funds, and the Central Executive shall not be, or in any way become liable for any of the acts or responsibilities of Branch Committees. The Central Executive are not hereby excluded from making special appeals to any or all the Members on behalf of the general funds.

4th.—Branches shall have the sole conduct of local measures of agitation; but in matters affecting the general interest of the movement they shall act under the guidance of the Central Committee, and they shall, when practicable, endeavour to carry all parliamentary and municipal elections in the way most favorable to the objects of the Alliance.

5th.—Each Branch shall be supplied by the Central Executive with Cards of Membership at \$3.00 per hundred, payable in advance, and shall have the assistance of Agents of the Alliance, as often as the cause require and circumstances permit, on making application to the Managing Committee through the corresponding Secretary.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR BRANCHES.

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As soon as possible, after a sufficient number shall have become members of the Alliance, organise the Branch according to By-Law No 1. The elected Officers and Committee are to transact the business of the Branch, arrange Public Meetings as often as possible for the advocacy of legal suppression of the Liquor Traffic, endeavour to obtain the active influence and co-operation of all in the neighbourhood favourable to the objects of the Alliance. At all Municipal Elections seek to promote the election of such men as will give effect to the principle of prohibition; report to the Council of the Alliance, all glaring violations of the License Laws of which ready proof can be obtained; bring our association under the notice of all candidates for Parliamentary honors, ask their support, and use all legitimate means to keep before the public the reasonableness, and the necessity of direct, and immediate action against the Traffic.

The President occupies the Chair at all Meetings, or in his absence, the First Vice-President, if in attendance, if not, such other Vice-President or person as the Committee may elect.

It will be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep accounts of all monies belonging to the Branch, and to pay out the same when ordered by the Committee.

The Secretary will be required to enter the minutes of the Committee Meetings—enrol the names of Members—carry out the instructions of the Committee, and immediately after his election, communicate his name and address to the Alliance Secretary in Montreal.

It is recommended that each Branch should hold an Annual Meeting for the election of Officers and Committee, some time in the month of January in each year.